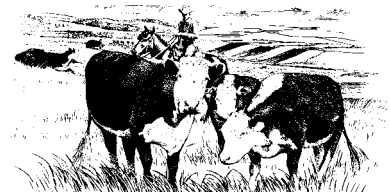


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## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.53 million head on June 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2002 and 6 percent below June 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 1 percent above 2002, but 3 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.23 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 408 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 366 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 747 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 776 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.23 million, 3 percent above 2002 and 1 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 65.0 thousand during May, 16 percent below 2002 and 36 percent below 2001.

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 485 thousand head on June 1, 2003, 3 percent above last month, but the same as June 2002. During May, placements of 83.0 thousand head were 15 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 66.0 thousand head were 5 percent above May of 2002. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 thousand head.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed May 1 <sup>1/</sup>			Placed During May		Marketed During May	
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	304	269	88	32	38	36	39
California <sup>2/</sup>	480	470	98	72	83	63	66
Colorado	1,080	1,000	93	210	200	190	200
Idaho	315	275	87	64	53	68	67
Iowa	385	360	94	46	48	55	65
Kansas	2,270	2,270	100	520	550	495	530
Nebraska	2,170	2,080	96	350	360	445	500
New Mexico	97	101	104	18	30	17	20
Oklahoma	340	330	97	75	98	73	67
South Dakota	215	215	100	26	29	34	44
Texas	2,700	2,680	99	760	730	580	520
Washington	215	170	79	41	30	55	39
Other States	380	310	82	53	48	60	71
UNITED STATES <sup>2/</sup>	10,951	10,530	96	2,267	2,297	2,171	2,228

State	Other Disappearance During May <sup>3/</sup>		Number On Feed June 1 <sup>1/</sup>		2003/2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousand Head				Percent
Arizona	1	2	299	266	89
California	4	2	485	485	100
Colorado	10	10	1,090	990	91
Idaho	1	1	310	260	84
Iowa	1	3	375	340	91
Kansas	25	20	2,270	2,270	100
Nebraska	15	10	2,060	1,930	94
New Mexico	2	1	96	110	115
Oklahoma	2	1	340	360	106
South Dakota	2	2	205	198	97
Texas	10	10	2,870	2,880	100
Washington	1	1	200	160	80
Other States	3	2	370	285	77
UNITED STATES	77	65	10,970	10,534	96

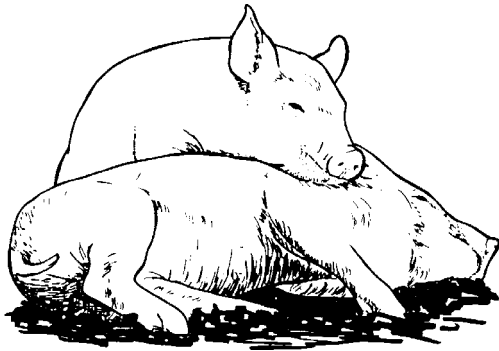
<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Data revised for "Number On Feed May 1, 2003."

<sup>3/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during May 2003 totaled 122.6 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent above both last month and May 2002. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2003, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,291 pounds; calves 185 pounds; and hogs 240 pounds.



## U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in May, down 2 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in May 2002.

May 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. May 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and a monthly record-high for May. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 3 percent from May 2002. The average live weight was 1,208 pounds, down 15 pounds from May a year ago.

Veal production totaled 15.8 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76.3 thousand head, down 2 percent from May 2002. The average live weight was 343 pounds, up 13 pounds from May a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, 6 percent below May 2002. The average live weight was 267 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

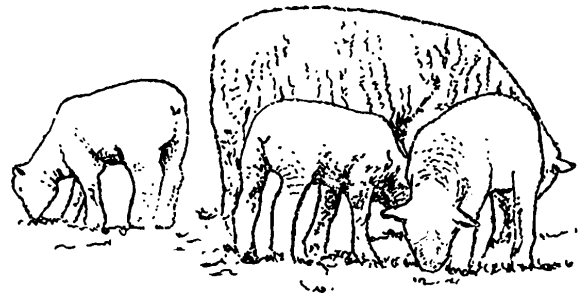
Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was down 22 percent from May 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 221.9 thousand head, 22 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

January-May red meat production was 19.07 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was unchanged from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 13 percent.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 2002-03 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	110.9	118.6	145,538	153,078	1,312	1,291
U.S. Total	3,146.6	3,248.4	3,847,942	3,922,833	1,223	1,208
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	10.1	10.8	1,436	1,990	143	185
U.S. Total	78.0	76.3	25,745	26,130	330	343
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
U.S. Total	285.7	221.9	39,199	30,432	137	137
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	203.9	199.5	48,757	47,974	239	240
U.S. Total	8,323.1	7,809.4	2,218,700	2,088,018	267	267
<b>RED MEAT</b>	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003	May 03 May 02	May 03 Apr. 03	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	118.9	119.5	122.6	103	103	
U.S. Total	4,017.3	3,845.5	3,943.1	98	103	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.



**AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/**

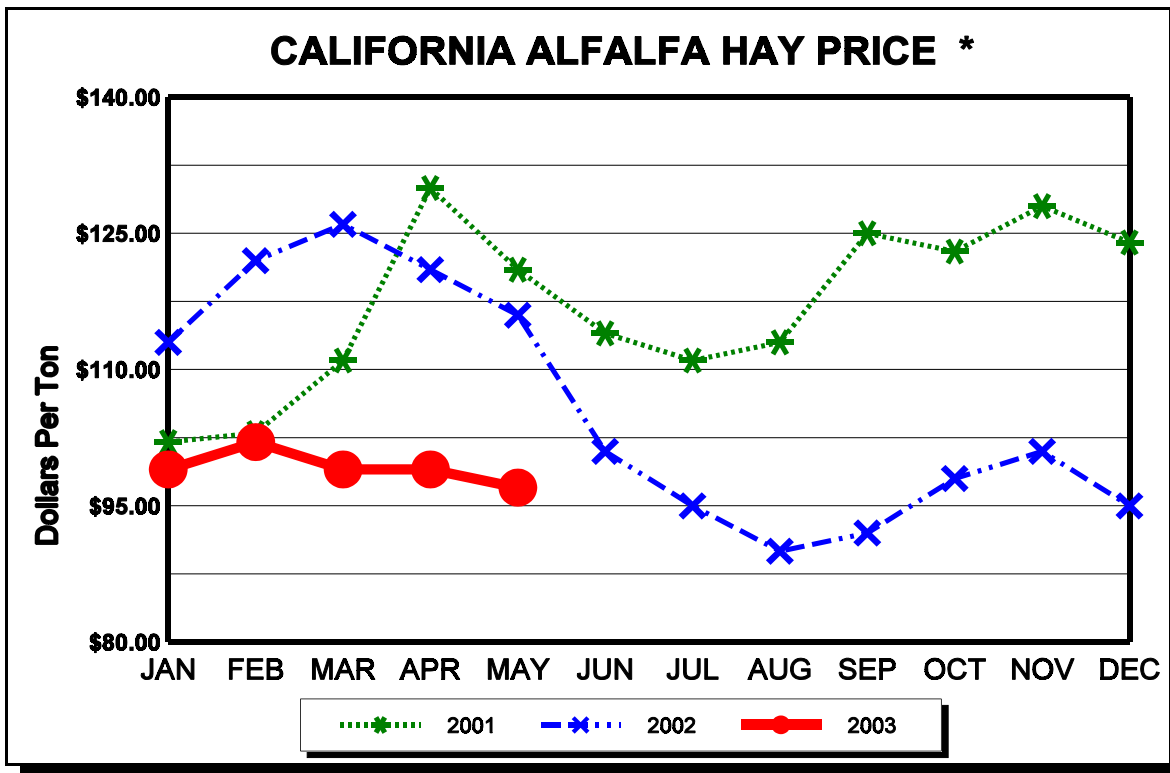
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		May 2002	April 2003	May 15, 2003	May 2002	April 2003	May 15, 2003
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	115.00	97.00	93.00	103.00	94.50	99.20
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	116.00	99.00	97.00	108.00	96.20	102.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	33.20	34.80	40.60
Cows 2/	Cwt.	37.00	39.50	43.00	39.80	40.20	41.10
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	67.00	78.50	78.50	68.10	78.80	79.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	84.50	95.00	96.50	99.50	99.10	99.30
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	27.00	32.00	---	25.30	30.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	62.00	90.00	---	64.40	93.60	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	10.97	10.00	10.10	12.10	11.00	11.10

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



\* Includes All Qualities

Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service